

Israel to ask U.S. for \$2.9 billion

TEL AVIV, Aug. 17 (R) -- Israel intends asking the United States for \$2.9 billion in aid for the 1982 fiscal year, Finance Ministry sources said today. The sources said that \$1.8 billion of this amount was military aid and the rest would bolster the civilian budget. They added that Israel's ambassador in the U.S. would officially submit the request later this week. This year, Israel received \$2.2 billion in aid from the U.S. Meanwhile, the Israeli Cabinet today empowered Prime Minister Menachem Begin to draft a reply to an Egyptian proposal for a summit meeting after the U.S. presidential election. It also deferred a decision on an invitation to Israeli President Yitzhak Navon to visit Egypt. Several ministers said the climate was unfavourable.

Volume 5, Number 1436

AMMAN, MONDAY AUGUST 18, 1980 — SHAWWAL 8, 1400

Bahrain, Qatar join 'holy war' call

BOHRAH, Aug. 17 (R) -- Qatar and Bahrain today joined other Gulf oil-producing states in backing Saudi Arabia's call for a holy war against Israel. Qatar's minister of state for foreign affairs, Sheikh Ahmad bin Saif Al Thani, said in a statement carried by the official Qatar News Agency: "This call is the only possible decisive response to Israel, it is the Arab and Muslim World's best way to continue the struggle and end Israeli violation of Arab rights." The Bahraini Cabinet agreed on its support after it discussed the Israeli Knesset's recent law declaring Jerusalem, including the occupied Arab sector, the eternal capital of Israel, the Gulf News Agency said. The law provoked Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Fahd to announce on Wednesday that moderate policies towards Israel had failed.

Jordan Times

An independent Arab political daily published by the Jordan Press Foundation

جورديان تايمز يومية سياسية مستقلة عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية "الراي"

Colombia joins embassy exodus from Jerusalem

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 17 (R) -- The Colombian embassy in Israel will shortly move from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, Ambassador Cesar Castro Perdomo said here today.

The change would make Colombia the third country to announce the transfer of its embassy from Jerusalem during the two weeks since the Israeli Knesset passed a law declaring Arab East Jerusalem part of the country's capital.

Venezuela and Uruguay already have said they would move their embassies to Tel Aviv.

Mr. Castro Perdomo did not give the reasons for the move but it is believed to follow warnings from Arab states that they would break diplomatic relations with the 12 countries having embassies in Jerusalem unless they move out of the city.

The Colombian ambassador told Reuters he would inform the Israeli Foreign Ministry of the decision tomorrow and the transfer would probably take place next month.

'Eid massacre reported in Afghanistan

SLAMABAD, Aug. 17 (AP) -- Soviet bombers and helicopters attacked Muslim worshippers celebrating the end of the fasting month of Ramadan last week, killing more than 1,200 civilians, Afghan rebel sources said in a statement issued here today. The report could not be independently confirmed and such reports are often exaggerated.

The rebels also reported that Soviet forces from Eastern Europe shelled Muslim strongholds in the northeastern province of Balkh, killing 30 rebels. The statement, issued by the rebel group "Hizbe Islam" (Islamic Front), said the Soviet shelled civilians and Muslim shrines last Tuesday in Wardak province, south of Kabul, during a celebration of 'Eid al-Fitr. The rebels said nearly 30 bombers and helicopters attacked the worshippers, killing at least 1,200 men, women and children and destroying 22 villages.

The Soviets have poured an estimated 85,000 troops into Afghanistan since last December to bolster the Marxist regime in Kabul in its fight against anti-communist Muslim guerrillas.

Turkish Cabinet for longer martial law

ANKARA, Aug. 17 (Agencies) -- The Turkish Cabinet today decided to extend martial law in effect in 20 Turkish provinces for another two months as two more murders with political overtones were reported.

A cabinet announcement said the recommendation of the National Security Council earlier today was adopted by the cabinet.

The two houses of the Turkish Parliament will meet jointly tomorrow to vote on the government's decision.

Martial law was declared in 13 Turkish provinces in December, 1978, following bloody political and sectarian riots in the southern town of Kahramanmaraş.

Continuing political violence has led to martial

the Dominican Republic. Mr. Jose Villanueva said his country had come under "tremendous pressure" to move its embassy from Jerusalem.

"The pressure is very big. I am a good friend of Israel and I would prefer to remain in Jerusalem," he said. "I don't see that moving would solve anything but the Jerusalem law made our position very difficult."

The Netherlands, which is the only European country with an embassy in Jerusalem, will this week decide whether to move.

Meanwhile, Israel Radio reported that Costa Rica's ambassador to Israel, Mr. Ronald Fernandez-Pinto, denied a New York Times report that his government had decided to move its embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Ecuador has also been reported considering such a move, but a spokesman for Israel's Foreign Ministry said there had been no official notification from Ecuador to that effect.

The other states with embassies in Jerusalem are Bolivia, Chile, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti and Panama.

Ceausescu to visit Jordan but not yet

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, Aug. 17 -- Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu is expected to visit Jordan in the near future, but probably not before Aug. 23, diplomatic sources said here today.

Reports in the local and international press had indicated that the Romanian leader would be arriving here today for a three-day state visit. However, a government spokesman today described these reports as "nothing but a fake alarm."

A spokesman at the Romanian embassy told the Jordan Times that there was no truth in reports that Mr. Ceausescu would be coming to Jordan this week.

When His Majesty King Hussein visited Romania in February, he invited President Ceausescu to



Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor wave to crowds at Jubal Al Nasr's new youth and sports centre, which saw its inaugural football match Sunday. Story and more photos on page 2. (Photo by Yousef Al Allan)

EEC delegation appeals to Iran to release American hostages

TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (R) -- A delegation of European Economic Community (EEC) heads of mission tonight appealed to the speaker of the Iranian Majlis (parliament) for the release of the remaining 52 American hostages.

Diplomatic sources said the delegation, led by Dutch Ambassador Willy Campagne, handed the speaker, Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani, a message from Luxembourg Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn.

Luxembourg currently holds the presidency of the EEC but has

no embassy in Iran, where it is represented politically by the Netherlands.

The sources said the message appealed to Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani and the Majlis for an early decision on the hostage issue and for the release of the captives.

They said it cited both international law and humanitarian grounds, but had no further details of the meeting.

The Majlis has been charged by revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini with deciding the fate of the hostages, held since radicals seized the U.S. embassy in Tehran last Nov. 4.

But though the assembly was first convened in May it has so far

not discussed the hostage question.

Last Wednesday, heads of mission of nine non-EEC Western nations handed Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani a similar appeal.

The speaker read that message yesterday to the Majlis, which referred it to its foreign affairs commission for consideration.

Meanwhile, the U.S. State Department has sent the Iranian government a note suggesting that the U.S. hostages be treated like the Iranian students recently arrested and then released in the U.S. -- that is, given lawyers, health care and visits from clergymen.

Syrian forces kill top military leader of Muslim Brethren

BEIRUT, Aug. 17 (R) -- Syrian security forces say they have killed the military commander of the underground fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood.

An official announcement in Damascus said security forces in the central city of Homs shot dead Mr. Hisham Jumbar and four other members of the banned group.

The statement described Mr. Jumbar as "the top planner and superintendent of the Brotherhood's military operations and said the security men discovered a large collection of arms, ammunition and explosives when they stormed the Brotherhood hideout yesterday."

It said that Mr. Jumbar was one of the principal architects of a series of killings and acts of sabotage that have rocked Syria for 18 months.

He was the second senior Brotherhood military commander to be shot dead in Syria this year.

In June, security forces killed Mr. Ibrahim Al Youssef, who was said to have masterminded an attack on an army cadet training school in the northern city of Aleppo in the summer of 1979. About 60 cadets were shot dead with machine guns in that attack, according to the official account.

Both Aleppo and Homs were rocked earlier this year by anti-government violence and protest strikes. The government sent an army division to Aleppo to quell the disturbances.

The latest shooting was an attempt by the government to root out Muslim groups opposed to the present Baath Arab Socialist administration of President Hafez Al Assad.

At the beginning of July, the government announced a major new offensive against the Brotherhood, which opposes Western and Marxist influence in Islam. The crackdown included threats to eliminate Brotherhood members at home and abroad and the setting up of special military tribunals to court-martial members.

The Syrian National Assembly passed a law imposing the death penalty for Brotherhood membership, giving guerrillas one month to surrender themselves.

On Aug. 7, President Assad extended the deadline for another 20 days. Officials said more than 500 Muslim Brethren had so far renounced their membership.

foreign press corps.

Regional Briefs

sions also destroyed a number of cars and damaged stores. The commandos returned safely to their bases inside Israel, he said. In Tel Aviv, Israeli police said seven people were injured, three seriously, when a bomb planted under a parked car in Jaffa exploded today. A police spokesman said preliminary results of an investigation indicated the incident was connected with a gang war.

TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (R) -- Two foreign journalists being held for questioning about alleged espionage were transferred to jail last night, a spokesman for Tehran's Evin Prison said today. Mr. Tony Allaway of Britain and Mr. Ralph Joseph of Pakistan were arrested Thursday by unidentified authorities and neither families nor diplomats have been allowed access to them. "We want to make sure that they are ordinary journalists and not spies," the Evin spokesman said, adding that they would be questioned about documents in their possession. Both journalists are married to Iranians and run news-translation services of the Iranian press, which are distributed mainly to embassies and the dwindling

TEHRAN, Aug. 17 (R) -- Iran's Majlis (parliament) today accused the member representing the country's Jewish minority of having links with Israel and rejected his credentials. It endorsed a report by a parliamentary committee looking into the qualification of deputies elected earlier this year. The report alleged that Mr. Eshag Farahmandpur was an active member of a Jewish institute called Quds (Jerusalem) which had links with Israel and Zionist organizations before the Iranian revolution. He was also accused of having opposed the taking of American hostages by militant students last November. Mr. Farahmandpur, who said he was just a teacher, rejected the charges. He was the sole representative of Iran's 30,000 Jews for whom the constitution reserves one seat in the Majlis.

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Aug. 17 (R) -- A delegation of 15 Egyptian parliamentarians and officials arrived here yesterday. The party, led by the president of the People's Assembly of Egypt, Dr. Soufi Abu Taleh, visited the Bay of Islands today and will tour other scenic areas over the next two days. On Wednesday members of the delegation will meet senior New Zealand parliamentarians, including government ministers, the leader of the opposition, Mr. Bill Rowling, and the speaker of the House of Representatives, Sir Richard Harrison, in Wellington. The group will leave for Australia on Thursday.

Jordanian draft under discussion Islamic ministers confer in secret over Jerusalem

CASABLANCA, Morocco, Aug. 17 (AP) -- Ministers from 14 Islamic countries conferred in secret throughout the day on joint measures to be taken against any nation that recognises occupied Arab East Jerusalem as part of Israel.

Conference sources said the ministers were expected to conclude work late tonight on drafting a series of stringent measures to defend the Islamic character of Arab Jerusalem.

These would include a total break in diplomatic and economic relations—including an embargo on shipments of oil and other strategic raw materials—with any country that formally recognises Arab Jerusalem as part of Israel.

The ministers conferred on drafts submitted by Morocco, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation which covered broadly the same point. Syria introduced a series of amendments because it felt the measures proposed did not go far enough, the sources said.

The Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Committee of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference representing the world's Islamic states, met in emergency session following the Israeli decision to proclaim the Arab and Jewish sectors of Jerusalem together as the "eternal and indivisible capital" of Israel.

Even Egypt, expelled from the Arab League and the Islamic Conference for signing a peace treaty with Israel, has suspended the Palestine autonomy talks as a result of the Israeli action.

The ministers also were expected to call for a strengthening of previous measures taken by the Islamic countries against Israel itself.

The sources said that the PLO represented here by its leader, Mr. Yasser Arafat, urged that all Islamic countries begin recruiting volunteers for a jihad, or holy war, to return Arab Jerusalem to Arab and Islamic sovereignty.

Mr. Arafat gave strong approval earlier to a call for jihad issued in Saudi Arabia last week by Saudi Crown Prince Fahd.

The three drafts explicitly warned that the Islamic countries would take joint action against those countries still maintaining their embassies in Jerusalem.

The PLO proposal called for a "political, economic, cultural and financial boycott" of all these countries unless they remove their embassies from Jerusalem without delay.

The resolution also invited the European Economic Community to suspend all its economic agreements with Israel and called on the Socialist International to expel the Israeli Labour Party.

Conference sources said the ministers also discussed possible ways of bringing Egypt back into the Islamic family of nations following an exchange of letters between Morocco's King Hassan II, the committee chairman, and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat.

King Hassan wrote to Mr. Sadat, according to Moroccan sources, urging him to recognise that the Israeli annexation of Arab Jerusalem doomed all further hopes of progress in the Camp David peace process.

The king indicated that Egypt could be welcomed back into the

Islamic family by recognising this reality, abandoning the "peace talks and breaking relations with Israel."

Mr. Sadat's reply was delivered to King Hassan on the eve of the committee session yesterday but this far has not been made public here.

In his reply, Mr. Sadat complained disunity among Islamic states, terrorism in others and apparent softness toward the Soviet incursion into Afghanistan provoked what Mr. Sadat calls Israel's latest belligerence in claiming sovereignty over Jerusalem.

Mr. Sadat, according to press reports, faulted Islamic states for refusing to take the Islamic Islamic

conference in May to denounce Moscow's military adventure in Afghanistan.

He also accused Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi of unsettling the Middle East with his assassin squads and friendship with the Soviet Union.

Cofinlet Qadhafi, who earlier this year dispatched teams of killers to Europe in order to erase opponents of his rule, in June called on the Egyptian people to overthrow Mr. Sadat.

Mr. Habib Chitti of Tunisia, secretary general of the Islamic Conference, told reporters there can be no question of any initiative by the Jerusalem committee or by the Islamic Conference as a whole to invite Egypt's return.

Second bout this year illness sidelines Premier Kosygin

MOSCOW, Aug. 17 (R) -- Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin has left the political scene for a second time this year due to illness, diplomatic sources in Moscow said today.

News of the 76-year-old premier's renewed bout of ill health emerged today after the Soviet Foreign Ministry told Singapore to postpone a visit by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. Mr. Lee was due in Moscow on Aug. 27 for an official tour.

Singapore embassy sources said they were informed on Friday of Mr. Kosygin's indisposition, but could give no details of it.

Mr. Kosygin last appeared in public on Aug. 3 at the closing ceremony of the Olympic games and is thought likely to have gone on holiday since then.

Last winter he disappeared from public view for 18 weeks without official explanation, though informed sources said he suffered a massive heart attack. He reappeared in public on Feb. 21—his 76th birthday—to make an election speech, looking pale and drawn.

During his absence his position as overlord of the Soviet economy was taken over by First Deputy Premier Nikolai Tikhonov. Though back at his desk, informed sources say Mr. Kosygin has been unable to resume his full duties.

8 British diplomats leave tense Tehran

LONDON, Aug. 17 (Agencies) -- Eight British diplomats have returned home from Tehran because of tension with Iran and the embassy was closed today, the Foreign Office said.

The British staff now is reduced to four, headed by Arthur Wyatt, the charge d'affaires.

The Foreign Office said the reduction in staff is a "precautionary measure at a time of tension and the closure is temporary."

He said the embassy will continue to function because three British citizens are detained by Iranian authorities. The embassy also will continue providing consular protection for Britons living and working in Iran, as well as maintaining contact with Iranian authorities.

No more visas are being issued for Iranians to come to Britain, the spokesman added.

Lengthy delays in obtaining British visas have built up since the visa abolition agreement between Britain and Iran was suspended in May as part of sanctions imposed on Iran by the European Economic Community over the U.S. hostages crisis.

Anglo-Iranian relations deteriorated suddenly after more than 60 Iranians were arrested by British police in a violent anti-American demonstration at the U.S. embassy in London's Grosvenor Square on Aug. 4.

Several dozen protesters have been camped outside the embassy on Tehran's Ferdowsi Avenue since last Sunday, demanding the release of the arrested students.

At times the number of demonstrators has swelled into hundreds or thousands and prominent Muslim fundamentalists have made fiery speeches outside the embassy gates denouncing the "fascist English police."

But there have been no reports of violence or attempts to break into the compound.

On Aug. 6, British Anglican missionary Jean Waddell was detained in Iran and is held in Isfahan on a spying charge, which Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie has said is untrue.

Two other Britons, Dr. John Coleman and his wife Audrey, who ran a medical clinic in Yazd, are missing and are believed under arrest.

ALGIERS, Aug. 17 (R) -- Guerrillas fighting for an independent Western Sahara said today they killed over 120 Moroccan soldiers in a clash last week. A number of Moroccan troops were wounded and 23 captured in the day-long attack on a military outpost near the Moroccan town of Akka, more than 200 kilometres northeast of the border with the Western Sahara, they said. In a communique issued in Algiers, the Algerian-backed Polisario front added that its guerrillas seized great quantities of weapons, several tonnes of ammunition and some secret documents. The commander of the Moroccan outpost was killed as he was fleeing, they said. Moroccan reinforcements were beaten off and suffered losses, the guerrillas added.

ROME, Aug. 17 (R) -- Italian authorities have released ten of the 22 Iranian students detained after a demonstration outside the Vatican last week for refusing to give their names, police said. Assistant public prosecutor Alberto La Pecerella granted six provisional liberty yesterday and four today after police, working from photographs, managed to establish their identities. In spite of several visits by Iranian embassy staff the students have remained adamant in giving their identities as simply "Ali."

DAMASCUS, Aug. 17 (R) -- Palestinian commandos said here they wounded nine Israelis, most of them seriously, with time bombs planted today in a main street of Jaffa. The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a guerrilla spokesman as saying the explo-

Syrian Cosmological Society

Reaching out to the stars



The Great Nebula in Andromeda (Galaxy M-31), with which astronomers hope to make contact.

By Pat McDonnell
Special to the Jordan Times

ASCUS-Science is a uni-discipline unrestricted by age, political dogma or creed. A good example is the Syrian Cosmological Society, organised here in June. It is dedicated to furthering scientific research and popularising the disciplines of astronomy, physics and mathematics.

Most of us in the Middle East are concerned with problems nearer to home, a lot of us 14 Syrian engineers, scientists and mathematicians are involved with the cosmos.

President of the society is Mustafa Rashid Zahdi, 75, directed films in the 1930s as a lay astronomer and communications specialist. The society is responsible for the formation of the society's vice president, Mr. Fayez Fok Al-Jarrah, a civil engineer now employed by the government as a water systems analyst and manager.

Though little more than two years old, the society has set up an impressive schedule of lectures. Every Saturday at 8:15 it shows scientific documentaries (borrowed from foreign cultural centres) at the Cine-Club. It has slated six lectures through the year.

The second in this series of lectures will be given Aug. 20 at 6 at the Soviet Cultural Centre, Mr. Adeh. The title of his talk is "Communication with terrestrial intelligence."

Mr. Adeh said, "My talk reviews the 1971 symposium in Soviet Armenia on this fifty-four international scientists attended these sessions. The 18 American astronomers were Carl Sagan of MIT University and Freeman

Dyson of Princeton University. Nikolai Kardashev headed the delegation of 25 Soviet scientists."

Mr. Adeh explained that the body of scientists first discussed the possibilities of the planet Earth not being the only inhabited planet in the universe and secondly, how can we communicate with civilisations in other galaxies if they exist.

The scientists unanimously agreed that Earth cannot be the only planet sustaining intelligent life. They based this conclusion on mathematical formulae according to the age of various galaxies, the number of stars within them and the odds that some stars support solar systems similar to our own.

Definitions of civilisation were discussed, and one scientist suggested the criterion of a planet's degree of advancement should be the source of energy a civilisation uses. — for example, petroleum, solar energy, or the ability to move a star nearer or further from a planet according to its energy requirements.

Dr. Sagan, on the other hand, defined intelligence as the amount of data an individual of a given civilisation can hold at one time.

It was agreed that the various definitions all came to the same conclusion, and that the chief problem was one of how to communicate with extraterrestrial civilisations.

"The crux of the problem," Mr. Adeh remarked, "is that according to Einstein's theory of relativity, the maximum speed at which any object or message can travel is the velocity of light."

"The nearest galaxy is M-31, whose Andromeda Constellation is 2.2 million light years distant from Earth (a light year is the distance a light beam can travel in a year — approximately 9,555,712,000,000 kilometres). Even if we exclude space ships and only talk about messages, it would be 2.2 million years before one would be received" — and just as long again before a reply could return.

"The Soviet scientist, Dr. Kardashev, theorised that black holes might be the answer," Mr. Adeh said. If one were to enter a black hole, the observer might think he is dead, but he could be able to transfer himself to another galaxy.

"Dr. Kardashev further theorised that there are three types of civilisations existing in our galaxy. The most developed intelligence is in the core of the galaxy and is able to make use of the stars which are in such thick profusion there. The second level is grouped around the core and can move its sun nearer to or further from its planet at will. The poorest group, located on the outer fringe of the galaxy, as we are, must depend on fossil fuels for its source of energy because it can't move its sun."

If we are on the fringe of our galaxy, the Jordan Times asked, wouldn't it be simpler to study the interior workings of our own galaxy than to strive toward investigating M-31, some 2.2 million light years away?

"That is the problem — one can't see the forest for the trees," Mr. Adeh answered. "When telescopes are sighted into our own galaxy, the 100,000 million stars within it are too profuse; whereas we can make out much more about the characteristics of the stars in Andromeda."

The goal of the Syrian Cosmological Society is to establish its own observatory to do amateur astronomical research based on professional theoretical physics and mathematics.

"We feel that the top of Bludan Mountain would be an ideal spot-high enough, and distant enough from Damascus, to afford astronomical views free of city pollution. We need financial support to purchase land, to construct an observatory and to acquire a telescope."

But before all these grandiose ambitions are fulfilled, Mr. Adeh says his society wants to contact similar groups dedicated to astronomy and exchange information. Interested persons are invited to the Saturday science documentaries at the Cine-Club and to lectures, which will be announced in the Damascus Scene column appearing on Saturdays in the Jordan Times.

Lectures are in Arabic, but translation into English will be provided. Interested persons are asked to write to Mr. Adeh at P.O. Box 9171, Damascus, or telephone him at 770-432.

PLO Amman office head barred from entering France

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (JT)—Mr. Abdul Jawad Saleh, director of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) in Amman, has been barred from entering France, according to a report in 'Al Ra'i' newspaper.

Mr. Saleh has been on a European tour to explain the conditions prevailing in the occupied Arab territories under Israeli rule. He was also scheduled to meet with officials of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in Paris to brief them on Israel's illegal practices and human rights violations as well as its abuse of educational institutions in the West Bank, the paper said.

According to 'Al Ra'i', the committee for the defence of Palestinian detainees has issued a statement deploring the French measure, for which no explanation was given.

Zarqa survey aims to stem pollution

ZARQA, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA)—The Public Safety Committee here decided at a meeting held today to carry out a survey of factories and companies in the Zarqa district.

A committee spokesman said the study, to be carried out this week, is to determine the source, type and quantities of water used in the industries, and their distance from the Zarqa River, with a view to adopting effective means of preventing pollution. A sub-committee has been set up for the implementation of recommendations and resolutions adopted by the Public Safety Committee, he said.

The subcommittee comprises representatives of the civil defence and health departments in Zarqa Municipality, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

Processing Co. announces plans to produce new canned vegetables

AMMAN, Aug. 17 (Petra/JNA)—The Agricultural Processing Company will soon start producing new types of canned hummus (chick peas), peas, and beans, a company spokesman said here today.

The decision was taken during a visit to the company's factory by Minister of Agriculture Suleiman Arar, accompanied by the Under-Secretary of the ministry, Dr. Salem Al Lawzi. The company, owned by the Agricultural Marketing Organisation, produces canned tomato paste and an assortment of canned vegetables raised locally.

The company was established in 1970 with an initial capital of JD 250,000, which has now grown to JD 600,000, Dr. Lawzi said.

At present, he added, the company produces nearly 25 tonnes of tomato paste daily and for this the company purchases nearly 100 tonnes of tomatoes a day from local producers.

Oriental martial arts gain popularity as Tae Kwan Do classes multiply



Students practice the martial art of Tae Kwan Do in the Academy of Tae Kwan Do.

By Fawzia Mui

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Aug. 17 —The 1980 Olympics produced no medals for Jordan's shooting team, but that lack may soon be remedied — not by marksmen, but by karate experts. At the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Jordan will be able to send a team that will include Tae Kwan Do champions who will compete for the ten gold medals available in this Oriental martial art.

The martial arts were first introduced to Jordan seven years ago, and since then have made rapid progress. Jordan now boasts a Martial Arts Association that was set up in June 1979, and after a national open championship in May 1979, was able to send a team to take part in the Fourth World Tae Kwan Do Championship in West Germany in October 1979.

Moreover, three Jordanian black belts in Tae Kwan Do who participated in the recent International Referees Seminar all passed the requirements and were nominated international referees.

Since the announcement this year by the 83rd Olympic General Assembly that Tae Kwan Do was to be included as an Olympic event, the aim of the Tae Kwan Do schools in Jordan has become to send participants to the 1984 Olympics.

The Martial Arts Association actually covers Tae Kwan Do, karate and judo. But most progress has been made so far in Tae Kwan Do. This is due to the efforts of two Tae Kwan Do experts, one Chinese, Mr. Chen Chiu-hwa and one Korean, Mr. Yu Young-han — both black belts of the 5th degree — as well as the support of a Tae Kwan Do fan, His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, himself a black belt and the president of the association.

Tae Kwan Do in Jordan is popular among both military and civilian groups. It is a compulsory activity in the army, but an increasingly popular sport among young people, especially students. It is taught in a number of schools and sports clubs, such as the American Community School, the Hussein College in Jabal Hussein, the College de la Salle, Bishop School, the gymnasium of the

University of Jordan and the Hussein Sports City. But the two most active centres are no doubt Mr. Yu's Academy of Tae Kwan Do, situated in Wadi Sagra Road, and the main training centre affiliated with the association, situated near the Bishop School.

The Academy of Tae Kwan Do was opened one and a half years ago, and is now a thriving centre with 70 or 80 students attending regularly (though attendance drops to 40 or so during summer and Ramadan). There have been 25 black-belt graduates so far, but only 10 or 12 of them have chosen to continue to train in the art.

Obtaining a black belt is no easy task. Assuming that one is particularly good and passes every single test at first trial, one would need three months as a white belt, three months as a yellow belt, six months as a green belt, and one to one-and-a-half years as a red belt, before taking the first degree black belt. Subsequently, it takes another two years to reach the second degree, three for the third degree, and so on.

Mr. Khaleel Arabi Katiheh, 20, a black belt who has been in Tae Kwan Do for four and a half years, told the Jordan Times: "I took up Tae Kwan Do and swimming, as hobbies, but soon I dropped swimming and continued with Tae Kwan Do, because I like martial arts. I took my black belt in 1978 and hope someday to be able to take part in the world championship."

Mr. Ali Abdul Razzaq, 23, another black belt who started learning Tae Kwan Do at the Ahli Club in 1976, says he likes the art because it gives flexibility to the body. Mr. Imad Narmouqa, 24, says the sport has its drawbacks, being unusual and little-known. Both family and friends discouraged him from training in martial arts, because they thought it was "a game for children."

In the same vein, Mr. Mohammad 'Awashbeh, 27, explains that some of his acquaintances encouraged him and some did not.

A further step forward in the advancement of Tae Kwan Do in sport in Jordan was the announcement by Crown Prince Hassan recently that it would be established as an authorised school game. Mr. Yu told the Jordan Times. But each school would

have to send a letter requesting instructors to the minister of education, and each teacher to be approved by the association.

Mr. Yu, the small but energetic director of the academy, has ambitious plans for his school and Tae Kwan Do in general in Jordan. "I want to promote modern Tae Kwan Do," he said.

"We must go to the world Tae Kwan Do championships and the Olympic Games regularly."

"The only way to train champions is to start with young students," he said. "They have the time to practise, and will be black belts by the time they have leave school."

"Once Tae Kwan Do is taught in most schools, selective matches will be held. First the champions of each district, then those of each town, will be selected. Also, we could hold junior championships, and championships for each grade (grades 9 to 7 are yellow belts, grades 6 and 5 are green belts, and grades 4 to 1 are red belts)," Mr. Yu continued. "But it can be practised by males and females alike, starting at any age."

Females would need more self-defence and physical exercises. We have here at the centre 10 females, ranging in age from eight to 53 years. Most of the students are Jordanians, but we do have a few Koreans and Americans."

One of the most active female students, Mrs. Oya Borhan, 40, has been with the centre for one year and three months, and has just won her red belt.



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan presents a diploma to one of the first graduates of a martial arts course in Jordan.

The other centre, an imposing blue pre-fabricated building near the Bishop School, bears a huge sign announcing that it is the "Jordanian Tae Kwan Do Association." The centre was opened on April 11 by Prince Hassan, and now has 210 Tae Kwan Do students and 60 karate students.

There are as yet no black belts from the school itself, though one student who acquired a black belt previously is attending the centre regularly "to keep fit," Mrs. Susan Ann Abu Nowar, wife of the minister of public works, started training in Tae Kwan Do in 1975, with Mr. Chen, now one of the two master instructors at the centre. "I started together with their Highnesses Princesses Alia and Sarvath," she said, "and worked very

hard at it until I reached my Second Dan (degree) Black Belt. I then got busy having a baby. I have only recently started exercising again."

"I don't think I am good enough," she added modestly, "but I am very keen."

What good has Tae Kwan Do done for her? "I feel very confident and peaceful. I have more patience with my family. I don't mean that Tae Kwan Do is a means of getting rid of frustrations, but when I feel I have exercised to the limit, I feel very happy and contented, and more alert. My reflexes are also much faster."

When asked whether she has come across the need to use her self-defence skills, she smilingly replied: "No, I've been lucky not to have to use it. Once, however, I had to face a situation in which I might have had to use it. I did not, but the self-confidence my training has given me helped me a lot and frightened the person away."

Apart from Mrs. Abu Nowar, 20 blue belts have qualified at the centre (4 blue belts are the equivalent of green belts). The Managing Director of the centre, Mr. Lawrence Deeb, expects to graduate black belts by next April.

The two master instructors in Tae Kwan Do are Mr. Chen and his brother Mr. Chen Te-hsiung. The karate instructor is Dr. Nimer Bader, a first degree black belt graduated from Italy.

"We hope," Mr. Deeb said, "to be able soon to bring more karate and judo instructors here."

The centre was built with prefabricated materials because "it could be finished quickly, and provide a very large exercise area," Mr. Deeb said. The present exercise area, whose floor is covered with mats and on whose wall is a huge mirror, can handle 300 students at a time.

The students are divided into three groups: the junior 9-13 age group, the senior 13-19 age group and the adults (above 19). Examinations are held regularly in cooperation with the association, which is headquartered at the Military Sports Centre.

The centre's regulations allow 10 per cent of the student body to be made up of foreigners but at present only six per cent are foreign.

THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN AMMAN WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PREQUALIFICATION

Amman Water and Sewerage Authority (AWSA) intends to acquire the services of a competent engineering consulting firm to study the Technical and Engineering feasibility of a storm water network phase-3, that aims to complete the surface water network in the city of Amman.

The study shall include the review of all data, plans, designs of the existing part of the network and the preparation of the preliminary and final designs, Bills of Quantities, Tender documents, etc.

The project consists of large and medium diameter pipe lines, culverts, lift-pumping station(s), construction of street gullies etc.

AWSA hereby invites the engineering consulting firms and/or joint ventures thereof who possess the experience and ability to perform the above mentioned study to express their interests in writing to the Authority to prequalify for the job. Relevant data and documents that establish their experience and ability to perform the study should be submitted to the Authority in one envelope marked "Pre-qualification for Storm Water Network Study" not later than 12.00 noon October 1st 1980 at the address shown below. No special forms for prequalification are specified.

The General Manager
Amman Water and Sewerage Authority
P.O. Box-2412
Amman-Jordan

VILLA FOR RENT

In Shmeisani opposite Commodore Hotel has guest-room, diningroom, sittingroom, three bedrooms, three bathrooms, and a large kitchen. With telephone, central heating, garage and garden. Annual rent JD 3,600.

Please call Tel. 67433

For appointment or further information

TO LET

For immediate rental we have:

— A furnished apartment consisting of two bedrooms and accessories, with very good furniture.

— Two apartments fit for offices or residence (previously occupied by Arab Wings). Location above Third Circle, near Zahran Post Office, Jabal Amman.

The apartments are centrally heated and can be rented separately or together, as desired.

Call: Tel. 24581

TO LET

A fully furnished, centrally heated, two-bedroom garden flat with telephone, located near Zahran Post Office, Jabal Amman.

For details, please phone 44719

WANTED

Two-bedroom ground-floor apartment or small villa, with garden and private entrance, furnished or partly furnished, for American couple. No children, no pets. In quiet area of Shmeisani; Fifth or Sixth Circle

Reply to: Holiday Inn, 422.

HOUSE FOR RENT IN SPORTS CITY AREA

Second floor, three bedrooms, big kitchen, sitting and dining room, big salon 7x7m, two attractive toilet bathrooms, central heating, sun heating, garage, garden, abundant supply of water, excellent view of Amman, telephone.

Contact, Dr. Ahmad Khrais, Tel. 63769

DELUXE APARTMENTS FOR RENT

Furnished and unfurnished Deluxe Villas and apartments in the most beautiful area of Amman.

Please contact: Tel. 42736

WANTED

ree-to-four bedroom ground-floor apartment villa, with garden and private entrance, furnished or partly furnished, in quiet area of Shmeisani. For West German family with two quiet children.

Shepherd Hotel Tel. 39198 Room 313

FURNISHED ROOM TO LET

bedroom and sitting room with telephone, V.C., garden and independent entrance. Located in Shmeisani, near the Rosary College.

Please call: Tel. 61008, 21204

VILLA FOR RENT

onsists of four bedrooms, sitting room, dining room, milky room, three bathrooms, three balconies, with central heating, garden and garage.

Location: Jabal Amman, near Amman Grand Hotel

Contact: Tel. 30889

TODAY'S WEATHER

will be summery, with north-erly moderate winds. In a, winds will be northerly and seas calm.

Overnight Daytime
Low High
17 31

The high temperature in Amman on Sunday was 31, while that in Aqaba was 37.

Aqaba 24 37
Deserts 17 35
Jordan Valley 24 36

World Bank aid to centre on 'human capital development'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (R) -- Prospects for world economic growth have deteriorated in the past year, the World Bank said in an annual survey issued today.

The outlook was gloomy for developed and most Third World countries, and only those developing countries with oil resources could look forward to some improvement, the survey, entitled *World Development Report, 1980*, said.

"Impaired on the trident of inflation and recession in the developed countries and much more expensive oil, world growth prospects have deteriorated in the past year," the bank report said.

It said four-fifths of the developing world's people -- those living in countries which did not produce oil -- could expect annual growth rates of only 1.8 to 2.4 per cent in the next five years, much less than the bank forecast in last year's report.

The report said developing countries as a whole started the decade facing two major challenges.

"First they must strive to continue their social progress in a climate that is less helpful than it was a decade ago -- or even a year ago. Second, they must tackle the plight of 800 million people living

in poverty who have benefited too little from fast progress," it added.

The bank's economists predicted that oil and other energy consumption would rise through the decade, levelling off towards the end of it.

A bank official told reporters that a recent decline in energy costs had the disadvantage of encouraging policy makers "to go to sleep" and be ill-prepared for expected future increases.

To reach higher growth rates in the 1980s, the official said, developing countries should cut trade deficits by raising exports rather than by lowering imports.

They should also increase investment and improve efficiency in the use of resources.

The bank's annual report is studied carefully in Third World countries because it indicates the future course of bank lending.

Bank officials said the agency's lending policies were changing, with less funds devoted to individual economic projects and more to broad-based aid to help countries restructure their economies.

The bank also placed a high priority on so-called human capital development, building pools of skilled labour in countries to which the bank lends money, the officials added.

The report said that human development programmes not only helped raise incomes, but also contributed to such social goals as reducing population growth.

These programmes "can improve the lot of roughly 800 million people living in... the worst aspects of absolute poverty that include not only low income, but also malnutrition, frequent child death, disease and ignorance," the report added.

The report is the last to be presented by the bank's current President Robert McNamara, who is retiring next year.

In an introduction to the report he said: "There is a real risk that the domestic economic problems of richer countries will cause them to give inadequate attention to the problems of the developing world."

The report itself said growth prospects were especially unfavourable for low-income countries in Africa which "face a desperately hard adjustment period -- coming on top of the economic stagnation of the 1970s."

It said the plight of both poor Asian and African countries, but particularly the latter, deserved special attention from the international community.

U.K. industrialists lobby to ease energy prices

LONDON, Aug. 17 (R) -- Despite Britain's resources of North Sea oil and gas, its domestic energy prices are possibly the highest in West Europe, say industrialists and union leaders who are lobbying the government for relief.

This summer British oil output ran level with consumption. This did little to cheer recession-hit steel, chemicals, cement and paper manufacturers in a nation with 7.8 per cent of its work force unemployed.

The oil had already turned the pound sterling into a petrocurrency helping raise its value to nearly \$2.40 and thereby making British exports harder to sell.

Industry saw as the crowning irony subsequent government readiness to let home prices for electricity, gas and heavy fuel oil rise sharply. Industrial energy charges have risen 30 to 40 per cent in one year.

Managers and unions allege the rates exceed those paid by European competitors, further eroding the sales edge to British goods. New increases could cripple some industries, said Mr. Len Murray, general secretary of the trades union congress.

Ministers say it is not proved that British prices exceed those in Europe, and a users' group of major industries decided at a first meeting last Friday to start its work by gathering better information.

Differences in tariff structures, currency fluctuations and the timing of increases make exact comparison difficult. But the British chemical industry has calculated it will pay \$2.4 billion for energy in 1980. It reckons it could buy the same amount in West Germany for under two billion.

Government energy policy "must be to promote industrial prosperity, not inhibit it," said the steel industry, which has plans to lay off nearly one third of its 150,000 employees.

A public paper by the steel-makers posed the question, why could Britain not exploit its unique advantage as an energy sufficient Western industrial nation in order to help its own troubled manufacturers?

One solution being canvassed in industry is that the government could cut excise duties on some heavier oils used in industry. Electricity from oil-fired plants would then be cheaper to produce. Gas tariffs are linked with duty-inclusive prices for these oils.

The energy pricing strategy of Mrs. Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government largely rests on policies which it contends are designed to ensure long term economic benefit.

Seeking to cut taxation and curb public expenditure, it imposes strict limits on subsidies to the state corporations which mine coal and supply gas and electricity, at the same time it casts hungry eyes at potential huge profits. British Gas profits for 1979-1980 soared 20 per cent to just over one billion dollars.

The government also argues that what it calls realistic energy prices are required to encourage efficient use of fuel. A strong conservation policy is motivated by the knowledge that Britain will be importing oil again in the 1990's.

British officials cite the example of the United States which is now moving painfully to de-control domestic oil and gas prices set below present world levels during an era of energy abundance.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	150	1,380	1,380
Jordan Lime and Silicate				
Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	980	5,340	5,340
Al Edhihar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	300	2,070	2,070
Jordan Dairy Co. (New shares)	JD 1,000	4320	1,350	1,350
Arabian Development and Investment	JD 2,000	1650	1,258	1,230
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2910	1,520	1,520
Islamic Bank	JD 1,000	7152	2,030	2,010
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	50	1,950	1,950
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	2730	2,200	2,200
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	50	1,560	1,560
Dar Al Dawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	126	3,720	3,720
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	1200	3,130	3,140
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co. Ltd.	JD 1,000	1150	0,910	0,910
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1900	0,930	0,930
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	122	27,000	26,950
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1660	1,900	1,890
International Construction and Investment	JD 1,000	2700	0,920	0,920
Real Estate Finance Corporation	JD 2,000	66	7,060	7,060
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	60	2,750	2,750
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	762	19,600	18,950
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	502	9,200	9,190
National Steel Industry	JD 1,000	5100	2,870	2,030

Total Volume Traded on Sunday, Aug. 17, 1980: JD 81,563

Total number of shares traded: 35,640
Government Development Bonds

Number Traded	Volume Traded	High	Low	Year of Maturity	Pi
20	200	10,000	10,000	1989	11

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

U.S. dollar	292.00/294.00	Italian lire	34.50/34.70	Swedish crown	10
U.K. sterling	692.80/696.80	(for every 100)	70.60/71.00	Belgium franc	100
West German mark	163.10/164.10	French franc	150.20/151.10	Japanese yen	125
Swiss franc	177.10/178.20	Dutch guilder		(for every 100)	

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, AUG. 18, 1980

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good day to make plans for whatever course you want to put in motion that could pave the way to greater production in the future. Use your own resourcefulness and ingenuity.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Give full attention to responsibilities you have assumed and discharge them efficiently. Safeguard your reputation.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) If you carry through with expectations of associates, you avoid trouble and tensions. Don't neglect civic matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Begin the new week constructively by handling important work efficiently. Avoid engaging in controversial subjects.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Make sure you first perfect a skill you have before bringing it to the attention of higher-ups. Sidestep a foe.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Try to understand whose ideas are different from yours. Be more sure of loved one and be happier.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Obtain important you need and improve present operations. Be sure to better care of your health.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Handle financial affairs in the day and get excellent results. Your usual role could prove troublesome now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Analyze your present and know what still needs to be done to gain your Consult an expert for advice you need.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan how more productive in the future. You have fine ideas that need expression now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Follow the source of good friends who have your best interests at Strive for happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Contact influential persons and discuss how you can become more successful in the future. Think constructively.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A new project you have mind needs more study before you put it in open. Make new contacts of worth.

Big firms get bigger in Scandinavia

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 17 (SIP) -- The 500 biggest companies in Scandinavia had a turnover of Kr. 889,000 million (\$212 billion) in 1979, equivalent to just over 80 per cent of the combined GNP of the five Scandinavian countries. This indicates a trend towards increased big-industry concentration as the corresponding figure for 1978 was 75 per cent of GNP, the Stockholm business weekly *Veckans Affärer* says in its customary mid-year survey.

The favourable business climate last year is reflected in the marked improvement in profits and profitability, although these did not reach satisfactory levels, the survey says. Aggregate pre-tax profits were up from Kr. 10,400 mil-

lion to Kr. 28,700 million, while return on total assets was up from 5.2 per cent to 7.7 per cent.

Sweden has 189 companies among the 500 and their aggregate sales of Kr. 505 billion represented 57 per cent of the total turnover. Finland was in second place with 107 companies and combined sales of Kr. 152 billion and Denmark in third with 104 companies and Kr. 130 billion -- although the position between the two latter could be reversed considering the fact that a number of large Danish groups for various reasons could not be included in the list, the survey says. Norway took fourth place with 94 companies and Kr. 99 billion sales, and

Iceland fifth with five companies having a turnover of just under Kr. 4,000 million.

Swedish companies also dominated in respect of foreign operations, accounting for Kr. 201 billion, or 73 per cent, of the total invoicing abroad of the 500 companies. Of their Kr. 150 billion exports proper, Swedish companies had a share of 55 per cent.

Biggest Scandinavian company in 1979 was Sweden's Volvo, which took the lead before the Swedish Co-op Union KF and a further six Swedish companies in the top-ten group. Denmark's Ostasiatisk Kompagni came in seventh and Finland's Kesko OY, in ninth place.

AMMAN MARKET PLACE

RESTAURANTS

MANDARIN CHINESE RESTAURANT
AMMAN
Wadi Saqra Road
East of the New Traffic bridge
Tel. 61922
AMMAN

al habah pub
THE PLACE YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR
PUB LUNCH JD 1,500
JORDAN INTER-CONTINENTAL

شوكولاتي
AMMAN
JABAL ALWEIBDEH, NEAR FATALEH PHARMACY

RESTAURANT TAIWAN TOURISMO
Opposite Akilah Maternity Hospital
3rd Circle, J. Amman Tel. 41083
Try our special "Flaming Pot" fondue during your next visit.
Take-away orders welcome.
Welcome and thank you.

Civil Defence St. Scandinavian
New Room
Tel. 62890.
New Danish names at the Scandinavian Showroom!!
Furniture by CADO & Fritz Hansen.
Lighting by Louis Poulsen & Co.
Contract furnishing complete for the office and home also available.

PROFESSIONAL HAIR CARE
at Mounir's Beauty Salon
Al Shari'a Street
Jabal Luweibdeh

ABDOUN SUPERMARKET
FRESH DAILY!!
meat, fruits & vegetables
Plus big assortment of foodstuffs and beverages
5th Circle, Orthodox Club Rd.
Tel. 44880

CROWN INTERNATIONAL EST.
International Moving and shipping
Specialists in local and international removals
Shipping and forwarding (air, land, sea)
* Storage * Packing * Crating * Clearing * Door-to-door service.
AGENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD
Jabal Hussein, Fifth Circle
Tel. 64090 P.O. Box 929487
Amman - Jordan
TLX 22205

TRANSPORTATION
FOR: SHIPPING-TRAVEL & TOURISM
INSURANCE-CLEARANCE
AIR FREIGHT-PACKING
PLEASE CONTACT:
AMIN KAWAR & SONS
Travel & Tourism
Tel. 37195, 22324-5-6-7-8-9
Tlx. 21212, 21520, 21634
P.O. Box 7808, Amman

JORDAN EXPRESS CO.
PACKING & CRATING
AIR & SEA FREIGHT
TRAVEL & TOURISM
Tel. 62722, 62723
38141, 22565
tlx. 21635 P.O. Box 2143

FIRAS RENT-A-CAR
LONG OR SHORT TERM
SHARISANI, NEXT TO OMAR KHAYAM HOTEL TEL. 64137-8

To advertise in this section
phone 6774-2-3

Nasereddin SUPER MARKET
REAL SUPERMARKET CONVENIENCE!
WIDE VARIETY OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MEAT. ALSO FROZEN SEAFOOD & MEAT. HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, GIFTS AND TOYS. OFF 7th CIRCLE, TEL. 44074
Position open for qualified Secretary

Visit Caravan Bazaar
At Al-Husseini Youth City
Specialised in:
Olive Wood, Mother of Pearl, Silver, Gold Jewellery & all kind of Handicraft Products wholesale & Retail
Tel. 67181, 42526 P.O. Box 2798, Amman - Jordan.

EYES EXAMINED CONTACT LENSES "Hard & Soft"
OPTIKOS SHAMI O.D.
The best ever made in optics
Jordan Intercontinental Hotel
Tel. 42043

SATELLITE RENT-A-CAR
BRAND NEW MODELS
TEL. 25767

NATIONAL RENT-A-CAR
1980 Models now available
SHEPHERD HOTEL
Tel. 39197

RUH RESTAURANT
AQABA'S NO. 1 FISH & PIZZA RESTAURANT.
GRILLED & FRIED FISH SPECIALITIES.
ENJOY A/C COMFORT INSIDE OR CAFE SEATING OUTDOORS. TAKE-AWAY SERVICE ALSO. LOCATED ON BEACH RD. BTWN MIRAMAR & HOLIDAY INN HOTELS.
TEL. 6882

MANDARIN CHINESE RESTAURANT
AQABA
Amman road beside Samir Amis Restaurant
Tel. 4633

Cards - welcome at:
Grand Palace Hotel
Hotel Jordan Intercontinental
Manar Hotel
Shepherd Hotel
Caravan Bazaar
Commodore Souvenir Shop
Tel. No. 61121-2
41361
62187
36187-6
42226
65186-8
Electron Distribution
Jericho Souvenir
Oriental Souvenir
Paradise's Box
Royal Gift Shop
San Remo Wears Co
Sweety
Boutique Sara
National Rent-A-Car
United Rent-A-Car
Tel. No. 42754
61114-5
42820
36711
30432
42240
39197-8
21999
American Express Representative Tel. 61014-5

PETRA - daily: JD 10,250, including horse guide and lunch. Departure: 7:00
KING HUSSEIN BRIDGE - 7 a.m. daily: JD 2,500 including bridge crossing.
DAMASCUS - daily 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.: JD 1,850.
Departure: 7:30
AQABA - daily: 7:30: JD 3,000
ALL BUSES ARE AIR-CONDITIONED
Jordan Express
Tourist Transport Co. LTD.
Tel. 64146, 64147

CHINA RESTAURANT
The first and best Chinese restaurant in Aqaba. Take-away service. Open 11:30 - 3:30; 6:30 - 11:30 daily.

مركز من الاصل

Milk supplies diverted to the dissidents Polish strikers stay put until all demands are met

WARSAW, Aug. 17 (R) -- A general strike continued in and around the Baltic port of Gdansk today and workers occupying the Lenin ship-

The situation in Gdansk, where a six-week-old wave of labour unrest has developed into a major crisis, remained confused and telephone links with the city were still cut.

The dissident Self-defence Committee (KOR) said the Lenin strikers at one stage yesterday agreed to a settlement with management and local authorities.

Some of the workers left the shipyard but the majority of the strikers voted to continue their occupation in support of fellow workers striking in some 30 businesses.

This appeared to explain appar-

ent contradictory reports by the official Interpress news agency yesterday.

Interpress first said the strike was over but later said it was continuing.

Priests celebrated mass among strikers at two of the shipyards today, KOR said.

KOR said the settlement of the strike in the Lenin yard yesterday was agreed on the basis that the workers would return home.

It was not clear whether the continuing occupation meant that the agreement was still valid.

KOR said workers in one of the striking factories had demanded

the abolition of censorship and open elections to parliament. Strikers at the Elmor plant were also seeking higher pay and increased family allowances.

KOR said other strikers in Gdansk were making similar demands.

The Communist authorities, who say the strikes are not political, have so far adopted a conciliatory approach to the strikers.

But a strike committee member at the Lenin yard said the local Communist boss had said he could guarantee only that the police would not intervene before tomorrow.

This was seen as an implied threat but it was thought unlikely that the authorities would resort to force for fear of a repetition of violence that flared in the Baltic ports during strikes 10 years ago.

KOR said a group of farmers south of Warsaw had declared a partial solidarity strike with the shipyard workers.

However the farmers said they would continue harvesting.

Hunt for the Titanic is sadly abandoned

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (AP) -- Thwarted by bad weather and dwindling supplies of food and fuel, a group searching for the Titanic turned towards land today, ending their hunt despite tantalising clues that they had located the massive ocean liner.

Mr. Mike Harris, leader of the expedition probing the ocean floor 611 kilometres southeast of Newfoundland, said the group never had a chance to send down cameras as that may have proved that an object detected by sonar

was in fact the Titanic.

"We're disappointed that we couldn't get the cameras down and find out for sure," said Mr. Harris, a documentary filmmaker from Tampa, Florida, who heads the expedition on the H.J.W. Fay.

On Friday, the ship's specially designed sonar, dangled 182 metres off the ocean floor, detected an object 3,657 metres below the surface of the Atlantic that was said to be "the right length, right width and right height of the Titanic."

Battered St. Lucia gets food and aid flown in

CASTRIES, St. Lucia, Aug. 17 (Agencies) -- International air and sea lifts totalling 200 tons have arrived in this tiny eastern Caribbean nation since Hurricane Allen ravaged the island early this month, the foreign affairs ministry announced.

Venezuela has sent 41.4 tons of food and 14 air lifts and St. Lucia has received 28.6 tons of food and supplies from the United States government.

The European Economic Community has shipped 47.7 tons of food, as a first consignment of an overall aid package estimated at \$1.1 million.

Amerasia Hess is the largest single contributor of foodstuff to date, with shipments totalling 57.2 tons. Two other American groups, the Church World Service and the Southern Baptist Church have airlifted 4.9 tons and 9.3 tons respectively.

Hurricane Allen struck St. Lucia with 184 kilometre-per-hour winds on Aug. 3, leaving some 7,000 people homeless and causing widespread damage to the

staple crops of bananas and breadfruit. Hurricane Allen killed more than 100 people in the Caribbean.

The Liberian oil tanker Mary Ellen, which ran aground off Corpus Christi, Texas on Aug. 9 during the hurricane, was refloated yesterday and heading for deeper water, a coast guard spokesman said.

"They plan to take it out to anchorage, lighten off the rest (of the cargo) and do an underwater survey" of damage, said coast guard Capt. Gerald Hinson.

He said no crude oil spilled, and that the threat of pollution would end once the Mary Ellen was anchored in deeper water.

Meanwhile, the season's second tropical storm, Bonnie, had reached hurricane strength, according to the United States National Weather Service.

The storm had sustained winds of about 135 kilometres an hour, and the weather service predicted an increase in strength yesterday.

At 0230 GMT, Bonnie was about 1,200 miles southwest of the Azores.

Walls denies planning a Zimbabwe coup

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 17 (AP) -- Lt. Gen. Peter Walls, recently resigned white commander of the Zimbabwe armed forces, denied yesterday that he planned to carry out a coup against the black-majority government of Mr. Robert Mugabe.

Lt. Gen. Walls, currently visiting South Africa, made the statement to the South African Press Association (SAPA) in reply to charges made yesterday in the Zimbabwe National Assembly by Information Minister Nathan Shamuyarira.

The minister said the government was considering prosecuting Lt. Gen. Walls or taking "other administrative action" against him over recent statements to the news media about the future of Zimbabwe, independent since April 18.

Mr. Shamuyarira also charged that Lt. Gen. Walls, 54, was implicated in a coup plot codenamed "Operation Quartz" in which the white Rhodesian army was to seize power on March 4.

That was the day the results were announced of the British-supervised elections held in February and won overwhelmingly by Mr. Mugabe.

Lt. Gen. Walls told SAPA that he said "nothing in any news media interviews which I have not said several times face to face" with Mr. Mugabe. He added: "I have never heard of an 'Operation Quartz' and had no knowledge of any alleged plan to carry out a coup attempt against Mr. Mugabe's government."

The General told the BBC in an interview televised on Monday night in Britain on the weekly current events programme "Panorama" that he asked British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to declare the election results null and void.

He claimed that Mr. Mugabe's victory was a result of intimidation of Zimbabwe voters and added: "I

am not criticising Mugabe particularly for it. I think that every African leader practised intimidation through his followers and his (Mugabe's) were a damn sight better than anybody else's."

He also expressed fears in the interview about the future of Zimbabwe. "I don't think the country is going to be any more stable than it is now until we have gone through the rapids," Lt. Gen. Walls said. "And then it will either go up or it will go down."

The General said in his statement to SAPA, issued from his holiday hotel on the Indian Ocean coast north of Durban:

"I have said nothing in any news media interviews which I have not said several times face to face to my minister, the prime minister, Mr. Mugabe."

"The whole orientation of my answers -- and I stress they were answers to questions initiated by reporters of which I had no foreknowledge -- was that I had rejected emphatically any idea of unconstitutional action."

"When questioned persistently about the possibility of a coup at the time of the election results, I underlined the fact that to professional soldiers, such as we had in our country, it just wasn't on. And anyway, even if I considered academically as a hypothesis, a coup would have had no chance of lasting more than 48 hours."

"When it was inquired sarcastically as to whether the thought of a coup hadn't even entered my mind, I said professional soldiers think of all possible courses of action, but I had made it clear unconstitutional action was not planned or prepared."

"In the interview on 'Panorama,' I urged the reporter to accept that the Zimbabwe election was history, and the events leading up to it, and during it, were no longer relevant or of interest."

"After the election, Mr.

Mugabe became the prime minister-in-waiting and his plan for a line to be drawn, and a fresh start to be made, became the national policy, to which I and other law-abiding citizens subscribed."

"I contend, with due modesty, that whatever progress has been made in the exercise of integrating the former Rhodesian security forces, Zanla and Zipra (Mr. Mugabe's guerrilla army and one led by Mr. Joshua Nkomo) could not have been made without my personal contribution and effort."

China's new Communist Party leader in Tibet has said he believes there is a strong possibility the self-exiled Dalai Lama will return home.

Awaiting the Dalai's return

By Richard Pascoe

LHASA, Tibet -- The leader, Mr. Yin Fatang, said he thought this was possible despite a dispute during a recent visit to Tibet by representatives of the Dalai Lama.

But it was clear from statements and comments by Mr. Yin and other officials in Tibet that the former god-king could function only as a *de facto* Buddhist religious leader and would otherwise have to toe the Communist Party line.

Mr. Yin, the acting party first secretary, said in his first interview with foreign correspondents that the Dalai Lama, 44, had many problems living in exile in India, where he fled in 1959 after an abortive anti-Chinese revolt in Tibet.

"I think the possibility of the Dalai Lama's return is very strong," said Mr. Yin. "Why? Because abroad he has lots of difficulties."

He said he had worked closely with the Dalai Lama in the 1950s

Opposition calls for Gandhi's resignation as unrest continues

NEW DELHI, Aug. 17 (R) -- Renewed clashes between Muslims and police in Moradabad and other towns in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh raised the casualty toll of five days of violence to 145 dead and 250 injured, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported today.

Hindus and Muslims fought battles in some towns, and the army was called out to restore order in Aligarh, Bareilly, Sambhal and Pilibhit.

Violence continued unchecked even after the state government last night took powers to detain people without trial for six months.

PTI said the state government was sending detachments to some of the affected areas outside Moradabad.

Trouble, sparked by an anti-price rise agitation, was also reported from the western state of Gujarat where Ahmadabad, the capital, and several small towns were declared "disturbed areas."

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who deplored the "poison of communalism" in an independence day speech two days ago, came under attack from her predecessor Mr. Charan Singh.

Mr. Singh said last night that Mrs. Gandhi's government should resign because it had failed to check the deteriorating law and order situation.

In a statement today, Mr. Singh expressed the hope that Mrs. Gandhi would not exploit the present situation to impose a state of emergency in the country.

Holidaymakers stranded as Channel blockaded

LE HAVRE, France, Aug. 17

(R) -- Striking French fishermen have sealed off the Channel coast from Cherbourg to Calais, halting all maritime traffic to press their demands to stop lay-offs, maritime officials said.

They said 15 ports stretching over almost 400 kilometres of coastline were blockaded by fishing boats and steel cable barriers. The major ports included Cherbourg, Dieppe, Boulogne and Calais.

The fishermen have been on strike for more than three weeks to protest against a decision to cut crew levels to offset rising fuel prices. They started blockading some ports last Wednesday.

Thousands of holidaymakers heading for or returning to Britain have been turned away from their original points of departure in France.

Cherbourg had served as the main alternative port until it was

blockaded today.

The Le Havre port authority said yesterday the fishermen's action was costing it five million francs (over one million dollars) a day with the loss of some 20,000 tons of goods.

Transport minister Joel Le Theule said last night a government mediation commission would meet in Le Havre on Tuesday and everything possible would be done to keep the ports open until then. The government has not announced any plans for dealing with trapped tourists if the blockade does not let up before Tuesday's negotiating session.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

Anti-S. Africa guerrilla group will not seek Zimbabwe bases

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, Aug. 17 (AP) -- The African National Congress (ANC), a black nationalist group banned in South Africa, will not seek bases in Zimbabwe to fight the Pretoria government, ANC president Oliver Tambo said yesterday.

Mr. Tambo said in an interview carried by the South African Press Association that he came to newly independent Zimbabwe to meet with the black-majority government of Mr. Robert Mugabe but not to ask for bases for his ANC guerrillas.

"We discussed, as we have always done in the past, the situ-

ation in southern Africa. In the past the focus was on Zimbabwe, now it is on South Africa," said Mr. Tambo, who lives in Lusaka, Zambia.

"Zimbabwe is the latest to gain independence, but the ANC has had a consistent policy on how neighbouring countries can assist it in its fight against racist South Africa."

Mr. Tambo said the ANC looks at the question of the assistance it can get not only from its own point of view, but also from that of its prospective allies.

"Our approach is that we should not attempt to destroy Zimbabwe's newly won independence, and we would be doing that if we asked for bases from which to attack South Africa," the ANC leader said.

"We could have done that, but we would have been selfish in asking for things regardless of what happened to our neighbours, regardless of the chaotic situation we would be creating."

Mr. Tambo has been in Salisbury about a week having unofficial talks with Zimbabwe government leaders.

Sources among his delegation said the ANC leader met with Mr. Mugabe and other top gov-

ernment officials and was planning to leave over the weekend.

Mr. Mugabe has said repeatedly since he won British-supervised elections in February and took over as premier of an independent Zimbabwe on April 18 that he would not give direct military assistance to guerrilla organisations operating against white-ruled South Africa.

But his opposition to South Africa's system of apartheid, or racial segregation, is well known. He has told journalists that Zimbabwe intends to help groups fighting the South African government by giving them moral support and through such bodies as the Organisation of African Unity.

Associated Press reports from Belgrade -- Angola has blamed "continuous South African aggression" for damages amounting to over \$52 million in agriculture in the province of Kunene, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported.

In a dispatch from Luanda quoting ministry of agriculture figures, Tanjug said cattle-breeding was the most severely affected branch in Kunene, a province bordering the south African-administered Namibia.

Posing new problems for security officials Disgruntled Cubans hijack three more U.S. airliners

HAVANA, Aug. 17 (R) -- Three airliners were hijacked from the United States to Cuba yesterday, apparently by Cuban refugees anxious to

In all three cases, the hijackers gave themselves up to Cuban authorities without a struggle on arrival at Havana's Jose Marti airport and the planes returned to the United States after paying a landing fee.

The three hijackings brought to six the number of airliners commandeered to Cuba in the past week. All were believed to have been seized by Cubans who entered the United States in April and May during a big exodus of refugees.

The three airliners were an Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 carrying 50 people, a Republic Airlines DC-9 with 106 passengers

and a crew of five and a Delta Airlines Lockheed 1011 with 179 passengers and a crew of four.

The Boeing was hijacked by six people, the DC-9 by four and the 1011 by one.

The Cuban authorities have not made any public statement about the rash of hijackings, but a U.S. diplomat said they had expedited matters so that the airliners could return to the United States without undue delays.

U.S. diplomats in Havana have officially thanked the Cuban government for its cooperation, although there is no anti-hijacking

agreement between the two

In several of the hijackings, the air pirates threw fire to petrol, under

The U.S. diplomatic technique posed a dilemma for airline

since plastic bottles

not register on the

About 75 air

hijacked from the Uni

Cuba in the late-1960s

black militants or of

It said he had defe

Soviet Union on Sept

and had been recruited

the Soviet KGB securi

"Dispatched to Chi

25, 1976; he stole an

important intelligence

and returned to it

Union," the news agen

The agency said Mr.

re-entered China in Ju

but was captured by

public security men a

workers after killing a

while trying to escape.

Executions are carri

shooting in China.

Explosion kills 12 in Japan

SHIZUOKA, Japan, Aug. 17 (R) -- At least 12 people were killed and 190 were injured yesterday when a gas explosion ripped apart an underground shopping arcade.

The blast came as a dozen firemen, watched by reporters, investigated a smaller explosion which destroyed a restaurant in the shopping centre earlier in the morning.

It took firemen about five and a half hours to put out the blaze.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours and action was planned to stop hovercraft crossing the Channel.

The port of Dunkirk is now the only major French port east of Cherbourg operating and a spokesman for the fishermen said it might be closed in the next 24 hours